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FM AMEMBASSY SOFIA

TO HQ US CUSTOMS SERVICE WASHDC

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AMEMBASSY ROME

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CUSTOMS FOR FLETCHER POTTER AND G.J. MC MANUS

ROME FOR CUSTOMS ATTACHE

VIENNA FOR WALTZ

STATE FOR S/NM AND EUR/EE

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, OVIP, BU

SUBJECT: U.S. CUSTOMS CCINC SENIOR-LEVEL OBSERVATION  
PROGRAM FOR BULGARIAN CUSTOMS

REF: CUSTOMS 6726 (NOTAL)

1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED PROPOSED BONEV/TSVETKOV  
ITINERARY WITH BULGARIAN CUSTOMS OCTOBER 18.  
DEPARTURE DATE FROM SOFIA IS AGREEABLE, WITH  
LEEWAY GIVEN BY OCTOBER 27 FREE DAY IN WASHINGTON  
IF THERE IS SLIPPAGE. IF POSSIBLE, BULGARIANS  
WOULD PREFER SHORTER TIME IN WASHINGTON AT  
BEGINNING OF PROGRAM WITH LONGER PERIOD FOR  
CONSULTATIONS IN WASHINGTON AT END, WITH PERSPECTIVE  
GAINED BY HAVING SEEN CUSTOMS OPERATIONS AROUND  
COUNTRY. FIELD OPERATIONS OBSERVATION TOUR  
APPEARED EXCELLENT. TSVETKOV JIDED, HOWEVER, THAT  
THEY WOULD PREFER TO VISIT BUFFALO EARLIER IN TOUR,  
DURING WARMER WEATHER, IF POSSIBLE. DEPARTURE DATE  
FROM WASHINGTON IS AGREEABLE AND ROUTING INCLUDING  
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ONE NIGHT IN LONDON DURING RETURN TRIP IS ALSO

REQUESTED.

2. CONSISTAT WITH S/NM GUIDELINES (PARA 4 REFTEL), EMBASSY HEREBY REQUESTS THAT EXCEPTIONAL PER DIEM RATE OF \$45 PER DAY APPLY DURING VISIT TO U.S. OCTOBER 25 - NOVEMBER 24, 1976 OF LAZAR STOYCHEV BONEV, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF BULGARIAN CUSTOMS ADMINISTRATION, MINISTRY OF FINANCE, AND TEODOR ALEKSANDROV TSVETKOV, CHIEF, NARCOTICS SUPPRESSION DIVISION, BULGARIAN CUSTOMS ADMINISTRATION, MINISTRY OF FINANCE. BONEV'S RANK WITHIN GOB IS EQUIVALENT TO THAT OF U.S. CUSTOMS COMMISSIONER AND TSVETKOV IS HEAD OF ALL BULGARIAN CUSTOMS NARCOTICS TRAFFIC SUPPRESSION ACTIVITIES, AREA OF PRINCIPAL FOCUS OF U.S. INTEREST IN THAT SEGMENT OF GOB. POST COORDINATING COMMITTEE CONCURS FULLY IN RECOMMENDATION OF EXCEPTIONAL PER DIEM RATE.

3. IF ADDITIONAL BIO DATA (PARA 6 REFTEL) IS REQUIRED, SUGGEST CUSTOMS REFER FIRST TO ITS RECORDS OF 1972 BONEV/TSVETKOV VISIT TO U.S. AND THEN REQUEST ANY FURTHER INFORMATION RDCUIRED.  
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